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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--26 SEPTEMBER 1963**1. MALAYSIA:**

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B. THE SHELL MANAGER AT BALIKPAPAN IN SOUTHERN BORNEO HAS SENT OUT AN URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP, SAYING BRITISH NATIONALS ARE BEING HELD UNDER "CONDITIONS APPROXIMATING IMPRISONMENT WITH MENACES AND INDIGNITIES." HE ALSO SAYS THAT AMERICANS, AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS IN BALIKPAPAN ARE IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AND REQUESTING EVACUATION.

C. THAI FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT IN NEW YORK SAYS HE HAS GOTTEN TACIT AGREEMENT FROM THE THREE ERSTWHILE MAPHIL-INDO PARTNERS TO COME TO BANGKOK FOR TALKS AFTER A MONTH'S COOLING OFF PERIOD.

2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

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D. IN PARIS THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER HAS DENIED EMPHATICALLY THAT THE FRENCH TRIED TO INSTIGATE CONTACTS BETWEEN NHU AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. AMBASSADOR BOHLEN, THOUGH CONVINCED THAT COUVE DE MURVILLE WAS FAR FROM FULL AND FRANK ON VIETNAM, IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THIS.

3. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

A. THE MILITARY LEADERS WHO TURNED BOSCH OUT OF OFFICE SAY THEY ARE LOOKING FOR AN "EMINENT CIVILIAN UNCONNECTED WITH MILITANT POLITICAL PARTIES" TO REPLACE HIM. AS OF THIS MORNING THEY HAD NOT SETTLED ON A MAN.

B. THOUGH MOST MAJOR MILITARY LEADERS SIGNED THE ORDER DEPOSING BOSCH, THE REAL INSTIGATORS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ARMY COLONEL WESSIN Y WESSIN AND COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE LUNA. BOSCH'S REMOVAL WAS TRIGGERED BY HIS DEMAND EARLY WEDNESDAY THAT WESSIN BE FIRED.

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C. BOSCH AND HIS CABINET ARE STILL IN CUSTODY BUT WE EXPECT HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN HIS WIFE IN PUERTO RICO.

D. A NIGHTTIME CURFEW IS IN EFFECT, BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE, INSTIGATED BY EXTREME LEFTISTS OR AGAINST THEM, REMAINS A POSSIBILITY.

E. BETANCOURT IS REPORTEDLY UNSETTLED BY THIS NEW MILITARY JUNTA. MUNOZ MARIN HAS SPOKEN OUT SHARPLY AGAINST IT AND THE COSTA RICAN, SALVADORAN AND HONDURAN DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK HAVE TOLD SECRETARY RUSK OF THEIR STRONG CONCERN.

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5. USSR GRAIN:

A. THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR NEED FOR GRAIN.

B. THEY HAVE BOUGHT 40,000 TONS OF FLOUR IN ITALY

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C. MOSCOW HAS CANCELED AN AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY 60,000 TONS OF GRAIN TO FINLAND, AND HAS APPARENTLY TOLD ITS EAST EUROPEAN SATELLITES TO LOOK ELSEWHERE.

D. POLAND, ALREADY A QUANTITY BUYER, IS SEEKING LARGER AMOUNTS OF THE US AND CANADA. CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS TRYING TO BUY US GRAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME. A BULGARIAN GRAIN BUYING MISSION HAS TURNED UP IN OTTAWA. HUNGARY ALSO APPEARS INTERESTED.

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6. NO NOTES

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